



John R. Kasich, Governor
Mary Taylor, Lt. Governor
Scott J. Nally, Director

Re: **Notice of Violation**
St. Henry WWTP
Mercer County
NPDES Permit 2PB00027

January 16, 2013

Mr. Ron Gelhaus
Village Administrator
Village of St. Henry
P.O. Box 410
St. Henry, Ohio 45883

Dear Mr. Gelhaus:

On November 27, 2012, an inspection was conducted at the St. Henry Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate compliance with the terms and conditions of your National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and to evaluate the operation and maintenance of the plant.

The lagoon system and grounds were in good condition. You are currently feeding ferric chloride in the third cell to help treat for phosphorous. The initial test results were good for this treatment, but you indicated that you have had some spikes. It is believed that short circuiting may be occurring in that cell. A diver will be checking to see if the flow is short circuiting through the third cell.

A review of your self-monitoring reports for the period of April 1, 2012 to October 1, 2012, shows that this facility is in significant non-compliance (SNC) for the following parameters at outfall number 2PB00027001: E.coli. I am enclosing a list of violations for this facility for the period of October 2010 to November 2012.

A facility becomes SNC when it exceeds the effluent limit for four or more months in two consecutive quarters or exceeds the effluent limit significantly in any two months in two consecutive quarters. Achieving compliance with Ohio's environmental laws is a primary focus of Ohio EPA in order to reduce risks to public health and welfare. When a facility is in SNC, Ohio EPA will consider escalated enforcement action

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Before we initiate enforcement action, we would like to work with you to achieve satisfactory progress to bring this facility back into compliance. Within 21 days of the date of this letter, please submit, in writing, the actions that you propose to undertake in order to return your facility into compliance with your NPDES permit. You will also need to give us a timetable for these actions that does not extend past July 1, 2013. These actions and timetable may also be submitted by email to me at michelle.sharp@epa.ohio.gov.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the enclosed inspection report, please contact me at 419-373-3019 or via e-mail.

Sincerely,



Michelle Sharp
Environmental Specialist II
Division of Surface Water
Northwest District Office

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Enclosure

ec: Tracking

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

SECTION A: NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING

Permit #	NPDES #	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
2PB00027	OH0020028	CEI	S	1
Inspection Date	Entry Time	Exit Time	Notice of Violation	Significant Non-Compliance
11/27/12	12:00	12:15	Yes	Yes

SECTION B: FACILITY DATA

Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Permit Effective Date
Saint Henry WWTP	2/1/2011
	Permit Expiration Date
	1/31/2016
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representatives	Phone Numbers
Mr. Ron Gelhaus Stan Sutter, Utilities Superintendent	(419) 678-4030 419-678-4977
Name and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Mr. Ron Gelhaus	419-678-4030

SECTION C: AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

Key: S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated

S	NPDES Compliance	
S	Operations & Maintenance	
S	Facility Site Review	
N	Collection System	
N	Flow Measurement	
N	Receiving Waters	
N	Laboratory	

Comments:

Signatures

<i>Michelle M Sharp</i> 1/7/13	<i>Thomas Poffenbarger</i> 1/7/13
Michelle M. Sharp, Inspector Compliance & Enforcement Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office	Thomas Poffenbarger, P.E., Reviewer Compliance & Enforcement Supervisor Division of Surface Water Northwest District Office

**Compliance Data for Saint Henry WWTP between 10/1/2010 to
12/1/2012**

Violation Date	Station	Reporting Code	Parameter	Limit Type	Limit	Reported Value
3/8/2012	001	80082	CBOD 5 day	7D Conc	40.0	45.7
3/19/2012	001	00400	pH	1D Conc	9.0	9.13
4/23/2012	001	00400	pH	1D Conc	9.0	9.26
5/10/2012	001	00400	pH	1D Conc	9.0	9.32
5/15/2012	001	00400	pH	1D Conc	9.0	9.05
5/22/2012	001	00400	pH	1D Conc	9.0	9.11
5/24/2012	001	00400	pH	1D Conc	9.0	9.3
7/19/2012	001	00400	pH	1D Conc	9.0	9.08
8/1/2012	001	31648	E. coli	30D Conc	161	298.864
9/15/2012	001	31648	E. coli	7D Conc	362	579.589